

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Support Component Budget Summary

Component: Support

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Component Mission

The mission of the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to preserve the public peace and to protect life and property.

Component Services Provided

The Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) BRU consists of three components that provide funding to support the VPSO program. The three components include VPSO Contracts, VPSO Support and VPSO Administration.

Throughout rural Alaska, the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) is often the only person responsible for a broad range of public safety needs. These include law enforcement support duties, probation and parole duties, emergency medical services, search and rescue missions, water safety and fire prevention activities. Currently eighty-five VPSOs present an ongoing positive public safety presence in eighty-four rural communities. VPSOs also often assist Troopers in alcohol and drug enforcement efforts.

VPSO oversight troopers and detachment troopers travel regularly to all villages under their oversight. During these visits troopers provide training through special VPSO training modules on specific subjects such as report writing and search and rescue coordination. The close working relationship developed between VPSOs and Troopers helps VPSOs in carrying out their duties, as well as assuring the VPSOs that the state troopers will be there during crisis situations.

VPSOs are employees of native regional non-profit corporations that share in direction of VPSOs' daily activities with village leaders and troopers. VPSOs prevent child abuse, prevent domestic violence, reduce aggravated assaults, prevent injuries, save lives and protect property in rural Alaska.

The VPSO Support component includes thirteen state positions that communicate on a daily basis with VPSOs, native nonprofit corporations, state and federal agencies, and village leaders working in a partnership to meet the demands of rural public safety. While providing expertise and oversight to VPSOs carrying out their duties, these positions identify training needs, equipment needs and supply requirements, which are funded through this component.

Component Goals and Strategies

The goals of the VPSO Support component are to: (1) provide hands-on support to the VPSOs by telephone and routine village visits which involve remaining in the villages overnight, during which training and oversight are routinely provided as is participation with the village elders and community leaders in establishing an effective public safety program; (2) expand training for VPSOs through their participation in Department of Public Safety, Alaska Police Standard Council, and other training in addition to their basic and regional training to improve their ability to accomplish their mission and provide an effective service to their community; and, (3) ensure each VPSO's work meets public safety standards set by the community and the state.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

See VPSO BRU Narrative.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

See VPSO BRU Narrative.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- 1) DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
- 2) State Troopers (AS 18.65.010-110)

- 3) VPSO is a Peace Officer (AS 01.10.060(7)(c))
- 4) VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
- 5) VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,225.4	1,191.5	1,536.4
72000 Travel	153.3	133.7	163.1
73000 Contractual	389.0	346.8	461.7
74000 Supplies	132.1	67.9	50.2
75000 Equipment	10.2	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,910.0	1,739.9	2,211.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,902.2	1,739.9	2,211.4
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	7.8	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	1,910.0	1,739.9	2,211.4

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 Forecast
<u>Unrestricted Revenues</u>						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>Restricted Revenues</u>						
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

The FY2003 Governor's request service changes includes funding for the annualized cost of the regional public safety officer program which was initiated with partial year funding in FY2002 under Ch 97, SLA 2001.

The Department of Public Safety has long advocated that successful law enforcement is dependent upon an effort that includes a traditional and regular law enforcement presence as well as other pro-active programs that address educational, social and community concerns. The Regional Public Safety Officers, through their long-term residency in communities promote that concept. Education on important topics such as alcohol, drug and inhalant abuse, boating safety, search and rescue, and domestic violence help build an efficient and responsive public safety presence, thereby improving service and the relationships with individuals communities.

Placement of Regional Public Safety Officers will be determined based on the location of other law enforcement services. Placement of a Regional Public Safety Officer in some communities will benefit FWP as well as other public safety programs. A Regional Public Safety Officer will augment Trooper patrol activities by conducting independent patrols in their community of residence and other communities as assigned. Additional considerations for placement of Regional Public Safety Officers would include the support offered by an individual community in the form of office space and adequate housing.

The remaining increments include additional funding to maintain current levels of service.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	1,739.9	0.0	0.0	1,739.9
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer Regional Public Safety Officers and Funding from VPSO Contracts - ADN 12-2-0067	226.1	0.0	101.1	327.2
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	44.5	0.0	0.0	44.5
-Delete One Time I/A Authority Related to FN Ch97, SLA01, (SB 145) Expansion of VPSO Program	0.0	0.0	-101.1	-101.1
Proposed budget increases:				
-Fund Annualized Costs of Four Positions for Regional Public Safety Officer Program	194.8	0.0	0.0	194.8
-Increased SEF Vehicle Rates	6.1	0.0	0.0	6.1
FY2003 Governor	2,211.4	0.0	0.0	2,211.4

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	
	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Governor</u>	
Full-time	13	17	Annual Salaries 1,030,288
Part-time	0	0	COLA 39,044
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay 135,888
			Annual Benefits 386,063
			Less 3.45% Vacancy Factor (54,883)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay 0
Totals	13	17	Total Personal Services 1,536,400

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk II	1	0	0	2	3
Aircraft Pilot I	0	0	0	1	1
Corporal PS	0	0	0	1	1
Lieutenant PS	1	0	0	0	1
Regional Public Safety Officer	0	0	0	4	4
State Trooper	0	1	0	6	7
Totals	2	1	0	14	17